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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATORS STONE BRITISH CONSULATE

1. YOUTHFUL DEMONSTRATORS-- ESTIMATED NUMBER 20 TO 30 PERSONS IN MID- TWENTIES AGE GROUP-- STONED BRITISH HONORARY CONSULATE NOUAKCHOTT MAY 15 BREAKING SEVERAL WINDOWS, LEAVING BEHIND PALESTINIAN FLAG, HANDWRITTEN TRACT EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN CAUSE, AND CALLING FOR EXPULSION FOREIGN CAPITALIST EXPLOITERS. CONSULATE DOUBLES AS GUEST HOUSE FOR BRITISH-CONTROLLED SOMIMA COPPER MINES. INCIDENT OCCURRED AT ABOUT 1900 HOURS. POLICE TOOK OVER ONE HOUR RESPOND CALL FOR HELP. WIFE OF LOCAL SOMIMA OFFICE MANAGER, WHO ALONE IN CONSULATE AT TIME INCIDENT, REPORTS DEMONSTRATORS ATTEMPTED ENTER BUILDING, BUT WERE FRIGHTENED OFF BY HER SCREAMS.

2. COMMENT: UNLIKELY THIS DEMONSTRATION, OBVIOUSLY PLANNED COINCIDE ISRAELI ANNIVERSARY, WAS SPONSORED BY LOCAL AL- FATAH OFFICE. THOUGH NONE OF DEMONSTRATORS ARE IDENTIFIED, YOUTHFUL MAKE UP CROWD INDICATES THEY PART LOOSELY ORGANIZED DISSIDENT GROUP WHICH HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN TO STREETS IN OPPOSITION TO VARIOUS OULD DADDAH POLICIES (NOUAKCHOTT 336 AND 372). TRACT THEY LEFT BEHIND LINKING PALESTINIAN CAUSE WITH CALL FOR EXPULSION
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FOREIGN CAPITALISTS WOULD SEEM SUPPORT ABOVE THESIS IN THAT
ONE OF DISSIDENTS' FAVORITE RALLYING CRIES HAS BEEN EXPRO-
PRIATION MIFERMA/ SOMIMA PROPERTIES.

3. INCIDENTS SUCH AS THIS CAN ONLY EMBARRASS AL- FATAH REPS
HERE. GOVERNMENT SENSITIZED TO ANY HINT FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT WITH
CURRENT SURGE YOUTHFUL DISSIDENCE, AND WILL NATURALLY SUSPECT
AL- FATAH OF SEEKING USE MAURITANIAN YOUTH FOR OWN PURPOSES.
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